

HONORING DR. ALEXANDER
STEMER

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I stand before you today to honor Dr. Alexander Stemer. For his extraordinary work and dedication to the study of cardiac care throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Stemer will be presented with the American Heart Association's "Heart of Life" award at the Heart of Gold Gala on Saturday, April 23, 2022, at Avalon Manor in Merrillville, Indiana.

Dr. Alexander Stemer has been an outstanding physician and a true asset to the community of Northwest Indiana and beyond. His remarkable career includes numerous accomplishments, making him especially worthy of this prestigious honor being bestowed upon him. Dr. Stemer founded Medical Specialists Center of Indiana, which is currently Franciscan Medical Specialists. In addition, he is the founder of Advanced Care Medical Specialists, a practice focused on medical care for the advanced elderly, and he is the Medical Director for three extended care facilities. Dr. Stemer has also served as Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at the Indiana University School of Medicine. A truly dedicated and innovative member of the medical community, Dr. Stemer has been a pioneer in the area of home intravenous therapy and ambulatory infusion therapy.

Throughout the pandemic, Dr. Stemer has been instrumental in the study of COVID-19 and the effect it has on the cardiovascular system. During this unprecedented time, he spearheaded infection control programs, developed protocols for skilled nursing facilities and hospitals, and currently serves as co-chair for the Symphony Health Network COVID task force. Dr. Stemer also assisted the National Institutes of Health and Eli Lilly to develop study protocols for the prevention and treatment of COVID-19 in skilled nursing facilities with the use of monoclonal antibodies. This study was approved by the Federal Drug Administration and published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. In addition, Dr. Stemer helped raise over \$118,000 for COVID relief.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Dr. Alexander Stemer. For his noteworthy medical career and his unwavering commitment to the study of COVID-19 and cardiac care, Dr. Stemer is to be highly commended, and he serves as an inspiration to us all.

CELEBRATING THE 200TH
BIRTHDAY OF PRESIDENT GRANT

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 200th Birthday of the 18th President of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant. President Grant was born in Point

Pleasant, located in Clermont County in Ohio's 2nd Congressional District.

When he was a child, his family moved to Brown County, also in Ohio's 2nd District, and there he was educated before accepting a nomination to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Following his commissioning, Grant served in the Mexican-American War and most notably, the Civil War, where he became Commanding General of the United States Army in 1864.

General Grant oversaw the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox Court House and served as Commanding General of the Army until he was elected President in 1868. He served two terms as President from 1869 to 1877 and oversaw the beginning of the Reconstruction Era in the United States.

President Grant was widely considered the General who "saved the Union." He was a great leader who left his mark on American history, and we can all follow his example of courage. I am honored to have President Grant's home located in Ohio's 2nd Congressional district and a landmark of our nation's history.

HONORING 9-1-1 DISPATCHERS
DURING NATIONAL PUBLIC
SAFETY SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS
WEEK

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor 9-1-1 dispatchers during National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, which runs from April 10th until April 16th this year.

Since 1981, the second week in April has been designated as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, so that we can honor and celebrate our public safety dispatchers, and thank them for the critical work that they do on behalf of our communities.

Public safety telecommunicators are the first line of defense in a crisis. Every time a 9-1-1 dispatcher answers the phone, the decisions they make can be the difference between life and death. They are the first, first responders in any crisis.

Without public safety telecommunicators, our police, firefighters, and paramedics can't do their jobs. Our emergency response depends on having an expert on the line who can accurately convey information, coordinate multiple teams of first responders, and help ensure the safety of the person on the other end of the line.

Public safety telecommunicators are trained to handle any situation in a clear and calm manner. They can help someone administer CPR, aid someone who is experiencing a mental health crisis, respond to crimes in progress, and give advice that prevents harm, among many other things.

There should be no doubt that this is a difficult profession. Dispatchers work long hours. They face an extreme emotional and physical toll, something that has been compounded by the pandemic. As others worked in a virtual environment during COVID, dispatchers stayed on the job, at the risk of their own

health and safety, so that they could continue helping our communities. And as technology and demands have increased, the job has gotten more difficult and complicated over time.

Through it all, dispatchers play a key role in public safety, from responding to reports of violent crimes, to helping individuals administer first aid, to addressing reports of missing or abducted children.

When a member of the public calls 9-1-1, they are often in a moment of stress or danger. The person who answers the phone is the first person to hear them ask for help, and to make sure that they get the assistance they need. This job is a critical public service.

Madam Speaker, as a former 9-1-1 dispatcher for more than 17 years, I am proud to honor the work of Public Safety Telecommunicators here in the House of Representatives.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF VIETNAMESE AMERICANS

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, today, I am introducing a House Resolution recognizing the accomplishments and contributions of Vietnamese Americans. The United States is home to the largest number of individuals of Vietnamese descent outside of Vietnam, and I represent the largest Vietnamese communities in the nation in Orange County, California. Vietnamese is also the 5th most spoken language in the United States. I am proud to recognize the valuable contribution of over 2 million Vietnamese Americans living in this nation.

In the aftermath of the Vietnam War, approximately 800,000 Vietnamese refugees fleeing persecution resettled in the United States. Today, Vietnamese Americans contribute to American society through their work in business, education, science and technology, engineering, mathematics, literature and the arts, gastronomy, the armed forces, and public service at every level of government.

Vietnamese Americans add to the rich cultural and religious diversity of our nation. As a member of the Congressional Vietnam Caucus, it is critical that we continue to represent and celebrate our Vietnamese families, friends, and neighbors, and recognize their significant contributions to American society.

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DR. BENJAMIN "BENJIE" SANTIAGO ON BEING SELECTED AS THE 2021 AND 2022 GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. MICHAEL F. Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Dr. Benjamin "Benjie" Santiago on being selected as